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Applicants request consideration of the references listed on the attached PTO-1449 form.  
A Copy of the listed U.S. patent application publication can be provided upon request.

Applicants hereby notify the Examiner of USSN 10/256,612, filed September 26, 2002, to which the above-captioned application claims priority. USSN 10/256,612 published as US 2004/006289, which published application is listed on the attached form PTO-1449.

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